



# Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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## Minutes of November 6, 2014 (Special Meeting)

Chairman Gary McFarland called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM at the Lamoine Consolidated School.

Present were: Selectmen Gary McFarland, Bernie Johnson, S. Josephine Cooper, Heather Fowler, Nathan Mason; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Lamoine Consolidated School Principal Dawn McPhail, Jason & Charity Goller, Lorise Jordan, Becky Mason, Frederick Cahn, Dianna Taylor, Michelle Mingo, Matthew Montgomery, Bonnie Marckoon, Brett Jones, Bob Pulver, Jason & Heidi Garrison, Christa Brey, Tim Jordan, Kate & Rick Young, Stephanie Joy, Elizabeth Stanley, Shane Lowell and a few others whose names were missed.

**Expenditure Warrant 9** – Selectmen signed expenditure warrant 9 in the amount of \$110,563.78. Stu reported the bulk of the warrant was for school expenditures.

**Recreation Workshop** – Gary said the Selectmen have been approached by people looking for recreation opportunities beyond that offered by the school department. Jo said facilities other than the school could possibly be involved. Heather said the idea is for programs for all ages. Gary said the possibility of child care at the town meeting is a peripheral issue.

The members of the audience and the Selectmen introduced themselves.

Nathan gave a history of the rec teams. He reported the fall soccer program attracted 39-students. He said there were a lot of questions regarding facilities, no one officially responsible for their use. He said the effort is at the beginning stage, and asked if the town needs a recreation committee.

Bonnie Marckoon said the town should identify the facilities that are available. She said the school would have first priority on its facilities.

Principal Dawn McPhail said this school year was a fresh start after withdrawal from RSU 24. She said the school needed to find other teams to compete against in the fall programs. She said the Ellsworth Football League had used the athletic fields for practice. She said her priority for the fields was the school first, the community 2<sup>nd</sup> and outside groups last. She said it's a complex process to schedule field use. A lengthy discussion followed on the football program, and Mrs. McPhail said a memorandum of understanding would be helpful with the football program. Discussion followed on supervising children and field availability.

Matt Montgomery and Shane Lowell of the Downeast Family YMCA gave examples of how other community recreation programs work. They said a recreation commissioner would be needed, and a point person to deal with the "Y" is very helpful.

Fred Cahn said there are lots of very expensive maintenance needs at the school playground.

A lengthy discussion followed on forming a recreation committee. The YMCA said its insurance covers programs that they administer.

It was noted that having programs that run in-town attracts more participants, and the younger people start in program, the better experience they will have as they grow older and move to other schools.

Jo said she favored a working group to work with the Selectmen on youth sports and facility assessments. Gary said the Selectmen and School Committee should meet jointly.

Heather moved to appoint a recreation committee to further explore recreational opportunities in town. Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Stu said he would draw up a program proposal for the November 13, 2014 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen